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3 RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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4 Applicant: Dale Kempf, et al.) March 29, 2004
5 Appl. No.: 10/006,970)
6 Filing Date: 12/04/2001) Attorney Docket No. RAR102.05
7 Title: Water Control Fixture Having) Group Art Unit 3744
8 Thermostatically Controlled Bypass Valve) Examiner: Wayner, William E.
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10 HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
11 Washington, D.C. 20231

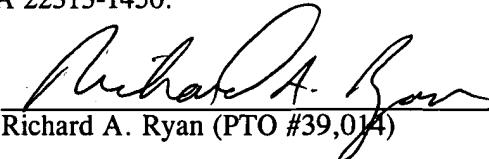
12 In response to the communication from the Examiner dated February 25, 2004,
13 applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of
14 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.115, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light
15 of the following:

16 1. The Examiner's Office Action dated February 25, 2004, provided for a three (3)
17 month shortened statutory period, which expires May 25, 2004. This response/amendment is being
18 filed prior to that date. As a result, no extension fees are believed due.

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1 2. The following materials are enclosed herewith to comply with the Revised
2 Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121:

3 a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page
4 of this Response/Amendment

5 b. Remarks/arguments begin on page 12 of this Response/Amendment.

6 3. Kindly admit the document entitled "Rule 132 Declaration" by Dale Kempf,
7 signed by Mr. Kempf on March 29, 2004. The original of Mr. Kempf's declaration is attached hereto
8 and incorporated herein.

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10 Summary of Claims:

11 Kindly amend claim 8; and

12 Kindly add new claims 57-68.